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THe Design was so far as I have received Information, by what can be gathered from their Confessions, who have been examined about it; some of whom pretended to be ingenuous in laying open the whole Design.

1: That an Oath of Secresie should be given to all, to whom it should be revealed, which accordingly was done; and none was made privy to any thing of it, before he first took the Oath.

2. That the Design should be carried on in the management thereof, by such as should be judged Royalists, (as they call them) faithful Friends to *Charls Stuart*, their Titular King.

3. That so many Persons should be engaged for Officers to an Army, as should undertake for the private listing of 30000 men to be ready to rise at a time appointed.

4. That at the said time wherein they should so rise, that they should fall on to act what

was designed in all the several Counties, and parts of *England* at once.

5. That one party should at that time fall upon His Highness, the Lord Protector, to murder Him, and His Life-guard, and those Officers and others that should be about Him: And they had two days debate, Whether they should fall upon His Highness, at that time when He dined in the City of *London*, and murder Him, and those with Him then; but it was resolved in the Negative, because *Charls Stuart* was not in *England*, nor their Forces ready in other parts of *England*.

6. That at the same time another party should have seised on the Council at *White-hal*, and have murdered them, and their attendants.

7. That the Garrison at *Jameses* should be also at the same time seised on; and the Souldiers surprised in their Quarters there, and at *White-hal*; and all those murdered that opposed.

8. That a strong party should at the same time seise upon the Warders at the Tower of *London*; and others sculking up and down within, lying at the Taverns and Ale-houses, and other parts within, ready to joyn with them, to seise upon the Lieutenant, and the Souldiers;

Souldiers, let out the prisoners, and take possession of the Tower.

9. That at this time *Charls Stuart* (whom they call their King) should be ready private in a place of the City of *London*, and be brought forth and presently crowned, and proclaimed King; and have the Government put into his hands by them: And all that should oppose it in the City, to be presently murdered.

10. That at the same time parties should seise upon all the several Garrisons and Guards in *England*, where the Souldiery are, to endeavor by force to be possessed of their Holds and Arms.

11. Proclamations to be sent out to all parts of *England*, that *Charls Stuart*, Son of the late King, was crowned King, and received into the City (but not signifying by what means) offering Pardon to all, both Souldiers and others, that would come in, and comply with the said Design.

12. That those of the late Parliaments party, and all Puritans, and strict Religious people that are zealous Protestants, should be strictly handled.

13. That all Papists, and Popish Priests, should have the free exercise of their Religion.

These and divers other such like things (so far as I can learn) were under their design. They had had many meetings in several places about this Business, but removed from one place to another. And their last meeting was Tuesday 14 *Febr.* 1653. at Mr. *Thomas Venner* at the Ship Tavern in the Old Baily.

So desperate they were even to themselves, that (as it confessed by one of these taken) one of the Plotters said to his fellow, that if ever they came to be discovered, and were taken, that if he was with him, he would have him presently to pull out his knife and cut his throat, else he swore she would be the death of him.

After several meetings they came about two or three daies before it was discovered to consider of some choice persons to be at the helm, as it were, of a secret or cabinet Councel to act above, touching the head motions of their Affairs as they should receive Instructions from *Charls Stuart* their pretended King. And the number of these chief persons they resolved should be four, and accordingly they chose out four, for this purpose, and put them into this new trust.

Now such was the goodnesse of God who ruleth all men and all things, and turneth mens hearts and actions which way it pleaseth him, so to trouble the mind of one of these four, to be the man that was made use of to betray them, and he came to the Officers and revealed the Design, and much of the particulars, and assured them that if they went that night, which was Tuesday the 14 of *Febr.* 1653. They should find some of them met and sitting in such a place at the Ship Tavern in the Old Baily.

And hereupon Leiut. Col. *Wookey* and divers others of the Officers and Souldiers at *Somerset* went that evening to Mr. *Arms* at the said ship Tavern, and there found nine or ten of them accordingly as was informed, and some of

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the persons nominated. The folks of the house sent for Constable, saying, that they knew not but that they came to rob them (I take it that was *Amps* expression) but the Constable when he saw what was the matter gave them better counsel. They searched the Plotters that were there met, but could find not so much as any papers or any thing about them that could make any discovery what they had done. And the Master of the Tavern protesteth that he knew not any thing of their Design, onely they came in to drink, he was brought away prisoner with them, but because no charge was by any made against him, he was after let go again.

They were that night brought to *Jamsies*, and one or two of them especially one very penitent, and cryed and took on lamentably; they were there kept until Saturday the 18 *February*; but in the interim, they were examined, and were *February* 16 brought before a Committee of the Council, and so at other times severally examined.

Saturday 18 *February*, they were sent to the Tower, where they are committed prisoners.

There is suspected to be in this Plot.

Charls Stuart, and his Brother, and *Rupert*, and *Massey*, and the rest of his Council in *France*.

Major General *Middleton*, and other Officers lately gone out of *Holland*.

Alderman *Bunch*, and the rest of *Charls Stuarts* Agents beyond the Seas.

The Lord of *Loughborough*, the Lord *Byron*, Sir *Tho. Sands*, Sir *Tho. Armstrong*, Sir *John Wats*.

Colonel *Lowis*, and divers other Lords, Knights, and Gentlemen, Colonels of the late Kings Armies, and others in *England*.

Divers

Divers persons are apprehended by Warrant from the Lord Major of the City of London, and others in other parts, whose names are not yet come.

A List of the Names of those Twelve that are sent Prisoners from Jamaica to the Tower of London.

Mr. Thomas Duston	Mr. Roger Lee
Mr. Joseph Sawyer	Mr. Thomas Rose
Mr. William Jenkins	Mr. Christopher Wadkin
Mr. John Archer	Captain Smith
Mr. Thomas Bunch	Mr. Peter Middleton
Mr. Joseph Parker	Mr. Roger Coles.

Blessed be God for preventing this Plot; for had it taken effect, much blood, doubtless, would have been spilt, both in City and Country: More sad than all the Wars hitherto hath been.